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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

This application is related to pending U.S. Appln. No. 09/511,773 filed February 24, 2000. A copy of the application is being submitted with a Proprietary IDS in accordance with MPEP §724, concurrently herewith.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 7-115434, published May 2, 1995.
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 10-198642, published July 31, 1998.
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-239181, published August 31, 1999.
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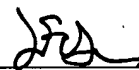
One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant states that above references 1-3 are discussed within the specification beginning at page 10, line 7, page 11, lines 8 and 26. Reference #4 is discussed in related application 09/511,773 at page 4, line 4.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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